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Part II Listening Comprehension (30 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) Project organizer.
B) Public relations officer.
C) Marketing manager.
D) Market research consultant.
2. A) Quantitative advertising research.
B) Questionnaire design.
C) Research methodology.
D) Interviewer training.
3. A) They are intensive studies of people's spending habits.
B) They examine relations between producers and customers.
C) They look for new and effective ways to promote products.
D) They study trends or customer satisfaction over a long period.
4. A) The lack of promotion opportunity.
B) Checking charts and tables.
C) Designing questionnaires.
D) The persistent intensity.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) His view on Canadian universities.
B) His understanding of higher education.
C) His suggestions for improvements in higher education.
D) His complaint about bureaucracy in American universities.
6. A) It is well designed.
B) It is rather inflexible.
C) It varies among universities.
D) It has undergone great changes.
7. A) The United States and Canada can learn from each other.
B) Public universities are often superior to private universities.
C) Everyone should be given equal access to higher education.
D) Private schools work more efficiently than public institutions.

8. A) University systems vary from country to country.
B) Efficiency is essential to university management.
C) It is hard to say which is better, a public university or a private one.
D) Many private universities in the U.S. are actually large bureaucracies.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

9. A) Government's role in resolving an economic crisis.
B) The worsening real wage situation around the world.
C) Indications of economic recovery in the United States.
D) The impact of the current economic crisis on people's life.
10. A) They will feel less pressure to raise employees' wages.
B) They will feel free to choose the most suitable employees.
C) They will feel inclined to expand their business operations.
D) They will feel more confident in competing with their rivals.
11. A) Employees and companies cooperate to pull through the economic crisis.
B) Government and companies join hands to create jobs for the unemployed.
C) Employees work shorter hours to avoid layoffs.
D) Team work will be encouraged in companies.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

12. A) Whether memory supplements work.
B) Whether herbal medicine works wonders.
C) Whether exercise enhances one's memory.
D) Whether a magic memory promises success.
13. A) They help the elderly more than the young.
B) They are beneficial in one way or another.
C) They generally do not have side effects.
D) They are not based on real science.
14. A) They are available at most country fairs.
B) They are taken in relatively high dosage.
C) They are collected or grown by farmers.
D) They are prescribed by trained practitioners.
15. A) They have often proved to be as helpful as doing mental exercise.
B) Taking them with other medications might entail unnecessary risks.
C) Their effect lasts only a short time.
D) Many have benefited from them.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

16. A) How catastrophic natural disasters turn out to be to developing nations.
B) How the World Meteorological Organization studies natural disasters.
C) How powerless humans appear to be in face of natural disasters.
D) How the negative impacts of natural disasters can be reduced.
17. A) By training rescue teams for emergencies.
B) By taking steps to prepare people for them.
C) By changing people's views of nature.
D) By relocating people to safer places.
18. A) How preventive action can reduce the loss of life.
B) How courageous Cubans are in face of disasters.
C) How Cubans suffer from tropical storms.
D) How destructive tropical storms can be.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

19. A) Pay back their loans to the American government.
B) Provide loans to those in severe financial difficulty.
C) Contribute more to the goal of a wider recovery.
D) Speed up their recovery from the housing bubble.
20. A) Some banks may have to merge with others.
B) Many smaller regional banks are going to fail.
C) It will be hard for banks to provide more loans.
D) Many banks will have to lay off some employees.
21. A) It will work closely with the government.
B) It will endeavor to write off bad loans.
C) It will try to lower the interest rate.
D) It will try to provide more loans.
22. A) It won't help the American economy to turn around.
B) It won't do any good to the major commercial banks.
C) It will win the approval of the Obama administration.
D) It will be necessary if the economy starts to shrink again.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

23. A) Being unable to learn new things.
B) Being rather slow to make changes.
C) Losing temper more and more often.

D) Losing the ability to get on with others.

24. A) Cognitive stimulation.

B) Community activity.

C) Balanced diet.

D) Fresh air.

25. A) Ignoring the signs and symptoms of aging.

B) Adopting an optimistic attitude towards life.

C) Endeavoring to give up unhealthy lifestyles.

D) Seeking advice from doctors from time to time.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) The project the man managed at CucinTech.
B) The updating of technology at CucinTech.
C) The man's switch to a new career.
D) The restructuring of her company.
2. A) Talented personnel.
B) Strategic innovation.
C) Competitive products.
D) Effective promotion.
3. A) Expand the market.
B) Recruit more talents.
C) Innovate constantly.
D) Watch out for his competitors.
4. A) Possible bankruptcy.
B) Unforeseen difficulties.
C) Conflicts within the company.
D) Imitation by one's competitors.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) The job of an interpreter.
B) The stress felt by professionals.
C) The importance of language proficiency.
D) The best way to effective communication.
6. A) Promising.
B) Admirable.
C) Rewarding.
D) Meaningful.
7. A) They all have a strong interest in language.
B) They all have professional qualifications.
C) They have all passed language proficiency tests.
D) They have all studied cross-cultural differences.
8. A) It requires a much larger vocabulary.
B) It attaches more importance to accuracy.

- C) It is more stressful than simultaneous interpreting.
- D) It puts one's long-term memory under more stress.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) It might affect mothers' health.
- B) It might disturb infants' sleep.
- C) It might increase the risk of infants' death.
- D) It might increase mothers' mental distress.
- 10. A) Mothers who breast-feed their babies have a harder time falling asleep.
- B) Mothers who sleep with their babies need a little more sleep each night.
- C) Sleeping patterns of mothers greatly affect their newborn babies' health.
- D) Sleeping with infants in the same room has a negative impact on mothers.
- 11. A) Change their sleep patterns to adapt to their newborn babies'.
- B) Sleep in the same room but not in the same bed as their babies.
- C) Sleep in the same house but not in the same room as their babies.
- D) Take precautions to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 12. A) A lot of native languages have already died out in the US.
- B) The US ranks first in the number of endangered languages.
- C) The efforts to preserve Indian languages have proved fruitless.
- D) More money is needed to record the native languages in the US.
- 13. A) To set up more language schools.
- B) To document endangered languages.
- C) To educate native American children.
- D) To revitalise America's native languages.
- 14. A) The US government's policy of Americanising Indian children.
- B) The failure of American Indian languages to gain an official status.
- C) The US government's unwillingness to spend money educating Indians.
- D) The long-time isolation of American Indians from the outside world.
- 15. A) It is being utilised to teach native languages.
- B) It tells traditional stories during family time.
- C) It speeds up the extinction of native languages.
- D) It is widely used in language immersion schools.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) It pays them up to half of their previous wages while they look for work.
- B) It covers their mortgage payments and medical expenses for 99 weeks.
- C) It pays their living expenses until they find employment again.
- D) It provides them with the basic necessities of everyday life.
- 17. A) Creating jobs for the huge army of unemployed workers.
- B) Providing training and guidance for unemployed workers.
- C) Convincing local lawmakers to extend unemployment benefits.
- D) Raising funds to help those having no unemployment insurance.
- 18. A) To offer them loans they need to start their own businesses.
- B) To allow them to postpone their monthly mortgage payments.
- C) To create more jobs by encouraging private investments in local companies.
- D) To encourage big businesses to hire back workers with government subsidies.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) They measured the depths of sea water.
- B) They analyzed the water content.
- C) They explored the ocean floor.
- D) They investigated the ice.
- 20. A) Eighty percent of the ice disappears in summer time.
- B) Most of the ice was accumulated over the past centuries.
- C) The ice ensures the survival of many endangered species.
- D) The ice decrease is more evident than previously thought.
- 21. A) Arctic ice is a major source of the world's fresh water.
- B) The melting Arctic ice has drowned many coastal cities.
- C) The decline of Arctic ice is irreversible.
- D) Arctic ice is essential to human survival.
- 22. A) It will do a lot of harm to mankind.
- B) There is no easy way to understand it.
- C) It will advance nuclear technology.
- D) There is no easy technological solution to it.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A) The reason why New Zealand children seem to have better self-control.
- B) The relation between children's self-control and their future success.
- C) The health problems of children raised by a single parent.
- D) The deciding factor in children's academic performance.

24. A) Children raised by single parents will have a hard time in their thirties.
B) Those with a criminal record mostly come from single parent families.
C) Parents must learn to exercise self-control in front of their children.
D) Lack of self-control in parents is a disadvantage for their children.
25. A) Self-control can be improved through education.
B) Self-control can improve one's financial situation.
C) Self-control problems may be detected early in children.
D) Self-control problems will diminish as one grows up.

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Section A

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Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) It focuses on the efforts countries can make to deal with global warming.
B) It links the science of climate change to economic and policy issues.
C) It studies the impacts of global climate change on people's lives.
D) It tries to predict the possible trends of global climate change.
2. A) It would be more costly to deal with its consequences than to avoid it.
B) It will take a long time before a consensus is reached on its impact.
C) It is the most pressing issue confronting all countries.
D) It is bound to cause endless disputes among nations.
3. A) The raising of people's awareness.
B) The signing of a global agreement.
C) The cooperation among world major powers.
D) The transition to low-carbon energy systems.
4. A) Plan well in advance.
B) Adopt new technology.
C) Carry out more research on it.
D) Cut down energy consumption.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) When luck plays a role.
B) Whether practice makes perfect.
C) What determines success.
D) How important natural talent is.
6. A) It knocks at your door only once in a while.
B) It means being good at seizing opportunities.
C) It is something that no one can possibly create.
D) It comes naturally out of one's self-confidence.
7. A) Practice is essential to becoming good at something.
B) One should always be ready to seize opportunities.
C) One must have natural talent to be successful.
D) Luck rarely contributes to a person's success.
8. A) People who love what they do care little about money.
B) Being passionate about work can make one wealthy.

- C) Putting time and effort into fun things is profitable.
- D) People in need of money work hard automatically.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) A tall chimney.
- B) A huge piece of rock.
- C) The peak of a mountain.
- D) The stump of a giant tree.
- 10. A) Human activity.
- B) Chemical processes.
- C) Wind and water.
- D) Fire and fury.
- 11. A) It was built in ancient times.
- B) It is a historical monument.
- C) It was created by supernatural powers.
- D) It is Indians' sacred place for worship.
- 12. A) By killing the attacking bears.
- B) By sheltering them in a cave.
- C) By lifting them well above the ground.
- D) By taking them to the top of a mountain.

Questions 13 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 13. A) They will pick up some souvenirs or gift items.
- B) They will have their vehicles washed or serviced.
- C) They will take advantage of the time to rest a while.
- D) They will buy something from the convenience stores.
- 14. A) They may eventually drive one to bankruptcy.
- B) They should be done away with altogether.
- C) They are meant for the extremely wealthy.
- D) They can bring only temporary pleasures.
- 15. A) Small daily savings can make a big difference in one's life.
- B) A vacation will be affordable if one saves 20 dollars a week.
- C) Retirement savings should come first in one's family budgeting.
- D) A good way to socialize is to have daily lunch with one's colleagues.

Section C

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Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) They are harmful to health.
- B) They enrich our experience.
- C) They are necessary in our lives.
- D) They should be done away with.
- 17. A) They are exhausted even without doing any heavy work.
- B) They feel too overwhelmed to deal with life's problems.
- C) They are anxious to free themselves from life's troubles.
- D) They feel stressed out even without any challenges in life.
- 18. A) They lessen our burdens.
- B) They narrow our focus.
- C) They prolong our lives.
- D) They expand our mind.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) It is not easily breakable.
- B) It represents the latest style.
- C) It came from a 3D printer.
- D) It was made by a fashion designer.
- 20. A) When she attended a fashion show nine months ago.
- B) When she was studying at a fashion design school.
- C) When she had just graduated from her college.
- D) When she attended a conference in New York.
- 21. A) It was hard and breakable.
- B) It was extremely expensive.
- C) It was difficult to print.
- D) It was hard to come by.
- 22. A) It is the latest model of a 3D printer.
- B) It is a plastic widely used in 3D printing.
- C) It marks a breakthrough in printing material.
- D) It gives fashion designers room for imagination.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A) They can't be solved without government support.
- B) They are easy to solve with modern technology.
- C) They have not been examined in detail so far.
- D) They arise from the advances in technology.

24. A) It is intensely competitive.
B) It focuses on new products.
C) It demands huge investment.
D) It is attractive to entrepreneurs.
25. A) Cooperation with big companies.
B) Sharing of costs with each other.
C) Recruiting more qualified staff.
D) In-service training of IT personnel.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) They were proud of their cuisine.
B) They were particular about food.
C) They were all good at cooking.
D) They were fond of bacon and eggs.
2. A) His parents.
B) His friends.
C) His parents' friends.
D) His schoolmates.
3. A) No one of the group ate it.
B) It was a little overcooked.
C) No tea was served with the meal.
D) It was the real English breakfast.
4. A) It was full of excitement.
B) It was rather disappointing.
C) It was a risky experience.
D) It was really extraordinary.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) The woman's earnings over the years.
B) The key to running a shop at a low cost.
C) The business success of the woman's shop.
D) The woman's relationship with other shops.
6. A) Keep down its expenses.
B) Expand its business scale.
C) Improve its customer service.
D) Upgrade the goods it sells.
7. A) They are in great demand.
B) They are delivered free of charge.
C) They are very popular with the local residents.
D) They are sold at lower prices than in other shops.
8. A) To maintain friendly relationships with other shops.
B) To avoid being put out of business in competition.

- C) To attract more customers in the neighborhood.
- D) To follow the custom of the local shopkeepers.

Section B

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Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) They are on the verge of extinction because of pollution.
- B) They carry plant seeds and spread them to faraway places.
- C) They deliver pollutants from the ocean to their nesting sites.
- D) They can be used to deliver messages in times of emergency.
- 10. A) They originate from Devon Island in the Arctic area.
- B) They migrate to the Arctic Circle during the summer.
- C) They have the ability to survive in extreme weathers.
- D) They travel as far as 400 kilometers in search of food.
- 11. A) They had become more poisonous.
- B) They were carried by the wind.
- C) They poisoned some of the fulmars.
- D) They were less than on the continent.
- 12. A) The effects of the changing climate on Arctic seabirds.
- B) The harm Arctic seabirds may cause to humans.
- C) The diminishing colonies for Arctic seabirds.
- D) The threats humans pose to Arctic seabirds.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 13. A) It has remained basically the same.
- B) It has become better understood.
- C) It has been exaggerated.
- D) It has decreased.
- 14. A) It is now the second leading cause of death for centenarians.
- B) It develops more easily in centenarians not actively engaged.
- C) It calls for more intensive research.
- D) It has had no effective cure so far.
- 15. A) They cherish their life more than ever.
- B) Their minds fail before their bodies do.
- C) Their quality of life deteriorates rapidly.
- D) They care more about their physical health.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) They form the basis on which he builds his theory of love.
- B) They were carried out over a period of some thirty years.
- C) They were done by his former colleague at Yale.
- D) They are focused more on attraction than love.
- 17. A) The relationship cannot last long if no passion is involved.
- B) It is not love if you don't wish to maintain the relationship.
- C) Romance is just impossible without mutual understanding.
- D) Intimacy is essential but not absolutely indispensable to love.
- 18. A) Whether it is true love without commitment.
- B) Which of them is considered most important.
- C) How the relationship is to be defined if any one is missing.
- D) When the absence of any one doesn't affect the relationship.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) The history of social work.
- B) Social work as a profession.
- C) Academic degrees required of social work applicants.
- D) The aim of the National Association of Social Workers.
- 20. A) They try to change people's social behavior.
- B) They raise people's awareness of the environment.
- C) They create a lot of opportunities for the unemployed.
- D) They help enhance the well-being of the underprivileged.
- 21. A) They have all made a difference through their work.
- B) They are all members of the National Association.
- C) They all have an academic degree in social work.
- D) They have all received strict clinical training.
- 22. A) Social workers' job options and responsibilities.
- B) Ways for social workers to meet people's needs.
- C) The importance of training for social workers.
- D) The promotion of social workers' social status.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A) To fight childhood obesity.
- B) To help disadvantaged kids.
- C) To urge kids to follow their role models.
- D) To encourage kids to play more sports.

24. A) They are most effective when appearing on TV.

B) They best boost product sales when put online.

C) They are becoming more and more prevalent.

D) They impress kids more than they do adults.

25. A) Do what they advocate in public.

B) Always place kids' interest first.

C) Pay attention to their image before children.

D) Message positive behaviors at all times.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A. Doing enjoyable work.
B. Having friendly colleagues.
C. Earning a competitive salary.
D. Working for supportive bosses.
2. A. 31%.
B. 20%.
C. 25%.
D. 73%.
3. A. Those of a small size.
B. Those run by women.
C. Those that are well managed.
D. Those full of skilled workers.
4. A. They can hop from job to job easily.
B. They can win recognition of their work.
C. They can better balance work and life.
D. They can take on more than one job.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A. It is a book of European history.
B. It is an introduction to music.
C. It is about the city of Bruges.
D. It is a collection of photos.
6. A. When painting the concert hall of Bruges.
B. When vacationing in an Italian coastal city.
C. When taking pictures for a concert catalogue.
D. When writing about Belgium's coastal regions.
7. A. The entire European coastline will be submerged.
B. The rich heritage of Europe will be lost completely.
C. The seawater of Europe will be seriously polluted.
D. The major European scenic spots will disappear.
8. A. Its waterways are being increasingly polluted.
B. People cannot get around without using boats.

- C. It attracts large numbers of tourists from home and abroad.
- D. Tourists use wooden paths to reach their hotels in the morning.

Section B

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Questions 9 to 12 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A. They make careful preparation beforehand.
- B. They take too many irrelevant factors into account.
- C. They spend too much time anticipating their defeat.
- D. They try hard to avoid getting off on the wrong foot.
- 10. A. A person's nervous system is more complicated than imagined.
- B. Golfers usually have positive mental images of themselves.
- C. Mental images often interfere with athletes' performance.
- D. Thinking has the same effect on the nervous system as doing.
- 11. A. Anticipate possible problems.
- B. Make a list of do's and don'ts.
- C. Picture themselves succeeding.
- D. Try to appear more professional.
- 12. A. She wore a designer dress.
- B. She won her first jury trial.
- C. She did not speak loud enough.
- D. She presented moving pictures.

Questions 13 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 13. A. Its long-term effects are yet to be proved.
- B. Its health benefits have been overestimated.
- C. It helps people to avoid developing breast cancer.
- D. It enables patients with diabetes to recover sooner.
- 14. A. It focused on their ways of life during young adulthood.
- B. It tracked their change in food preferences for 20 years.
- C. It focused on their difference from men in fiber intake.
- D. It tracked their eating habits since their adolescence.
- 15. A. Fiber may help to reduce hormones in the body.
- B. Fiber may bring more benefits to women than men.
- C. Fiber may improve the function of heart muscles.
- D. Fiber may make blood circulation more smooth.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A. Observing the changes in marketing.
- B. Conducting research on consumer behavior.
- C. Studying the hazards of young people drinking.
- D. Investigating the impact of media on government.
- 17. A. It is the cause of many street riots.
- B. It is getting worse year by year.
- C. It is a chief concern of parents.
- D. It is an act of socialising.
- 18. A. They spent a week studying their own purchasing behavior.
- B. They researched the impact of mobile phones on young people.
- C. They analysed their family budgets over the years.
- D. They conducted a thorough research on advertising.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A. It is helping its banks to improve efficiency.
- B. It is trying hard to do away with dirty money.
- C. It is the first country to use credit cards in the world.
- D. It is likely to give up paper money in the near future.
- 20. A. Whether it is possible to travel without carrying any physical currency.
- B. Whether it is possible to predict how much money one is going to spend.
- C. Whether the absence of physical currency causes a person to spend more.
- D. Whether the absence of physical currency is going to affect everyday life.
- 21. A. There was no food service on the train.
- B. The service on the train was not good.
- C. The restaurant car accepted cash only.
- D. The cash in her handbag was missing.
- 22. A. By putting money into envelopes.
- B. By drawing money week by week.
- C. By limiting their day-to-day spending.
- D. By refusing to buy anything on credit.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A. Population explosion.
- B. Chronic hunger.
- C. Extinction of rare species.
- D. Environmental deterioration.

24. A. They contribute to overpopulation.
B. About half of them are unintended.
C. They have been brought under control.
D. The majority of them tend to end halfway.
25. A. It is essential to the wellbeing of all species on earth.
B. It is becoming a subject of interdisciplinary research.
C. It is neglected in many of the developing countries.
D. It is beginning to attract postgraduates' attention.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D. Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A. He would feel insulted.
B. He would feel very sad.
C. He would be embarrassed.
D. He would be disappointed.
2. A. They are worthy of a prize.
B. They are of little value.
C. They make good reading.
D. They need improvement.
3. A. He seldom writes a book straight through.
B. He writes several books simultaneously.
C. He draws on his real-life experiences.
D. He often turns to his wife for help.
4. A. Writing a book is just like watching a football match.
B. Writers actually work every bit as hard as footballers.
C. He likes watching a football match after finishing a book.
D. Unlike a football match, there is no end to writing a book.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A. Achievements of black male athletes in college.
B. Financial assistance to black athletes in college.
C. High college dropout rates among black athletes.
D. Undergraduate enrollments of black athletes.
6. A. They display great talent in every kind of game.
B. They are better at sports than at academic work.
C. They have difficulty finding money to complete their studies.
D. They make money for the college but often fail to earn a degree.
7. A. About 15%.
B. Around 40%.
C. Slightly over 50%.
D. Approximately 70%.
8. A. Coaches lack the incentive to graduate them.
B. College degrees do not count much to them.

- C. They have little interest in academic work.
- D. Schools do not deem it a serious problem.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D. Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A. Marketing strategies.
- B. Holiday shopping.
- C. Shopping malls.
- D. Online stores.
- 10. A. About 50% of holiday shoppers.
- B. About 20-30% of holiday shoppers.
- C. About 136 million.
- D. About 183.8 million.
- 11. A. They have fewer customers.
- B. They find it hard to survive.
- C. They are thriving once more.
- D. They appeal to elderly customers.
- 12. A. Better quality of consumer goods.
- B. Higher employment and wages.
- C. Greater varieties of commodities.
- D. People having more leisure time.

Questions 13 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 13. A. They are new species of big insects.
- B. They are overprescribed antibiotics.
- C. They are life-threatening diseases.
- D. They are antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
- 14. A. Antibiotics are now in short supply.
- B. Many infections are no longer curable.
- C. Large amounts of tax money are wasted.
- D. Routine operations have become complex.
- 15. A. Facilities.
- B. Expertise.
- C. Money.
- D. Publicity.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D. Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A. It is accessible only to the talented.
- B. It improves students' ability to think.
- C. It starts a lifelong learning process.
- D. It gives birth to many eminent scholars.
- 17. A. They encourage academic democracy.
- B. They promote globalization.
- C. They uphold the presidents' authority.
- D. They protect students' rights.
- 18. A. His thirst for knowledge.
- B. His eagerness to find a job.
- C. His contempt for authority.
- D. His potential for leadership.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A. Few people know how to retrieve information properly.
- B. People can enhance their memory with a few tricks.
- C. Most people have a rather poor long-term memory.
- D. People tend to underestimate their mental powers.
- 20. A. They present the states in a surprisingly different order.
- B. They include more or less the same number of states.
- C. They are exactly the same as is shown in the atlas.
- D. They contain names of the most familiar states.
- 21. A. Focusing on what is likely to be tested.
- B. Having a good sleep the night before.
- C. Reviewing your lessons where the exam is to take place.
- D. Making sensible decisions while choosing your answers.
- 22. A. Discover when you can learn best.
- B. Change your time of study daily.
- B. Give yourself a double bonus afterwards.
- D. Follow the example of a marathon runner.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A. He is a politician.
- B. He is a businessman.
- C. He is a sociologist.
- D. He is an economist.

24. A. In slums.

B. In Africa.

C. In pre-industrial societies.

D. In developing countries.

25. A. They have no access to health care, let alone entertainment or recreation.

B. Their income is less than 50% of the national average family income.

C. They work extra hours to have their basic needs met.

D. Their children cannot afford to go to private schools.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) They reward businesses that eliminate food waste.
B) They prohibit the sale of foods that have gone stale.
C) They facilitate the donation of unsold foods to the needy.
D) They forbid businesses to produce more foods than needed.
2. A) It imposed penalties on businesses that waste food.
B) It passed a law aiming to stop overproduction.
C) It voted against food import from outside Europe.
D) It prohibited the promotion of bulk food sales.
3. A) It has warned its people against possible food shortages.
B) It has penalized businesses that keep overproducing foods.
C) It has started a nationwide campaign against food waste.
D) It has banned supermarkets from dumping edible foods.
4. A) The confusion over food expiration labels.
B) The surplus resulting from overproduction.
C) Americans' habit of buying food in bulk.
D) A lack of regulation on food consumption.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) It has started a week-long promotion campaign.
B) It has just launched its annual anniversary sales.
C) It offers regular weekend sales all the year round.
D) It specializes in the sale of ladies' designer dresses.
6. A) Price reductions for its frequent customers.
B) Coupons for customers with bulk purchases.
C) Free delivery of purchases for senior customers.
D) Price adjustments within seven days of purchase.
7. A) Mail a gift card to her.
B) Allow her to buy on credit.
C) Credit it to her account.
D) Give her some coupons.
8. A) Refunding for goods returned.
B) Free installing of appliances.

- C) Prolonged goods warranty.
- D) Complimentary tailoring.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) They are thin, tall, and unlike real human beings.
- B) They have more than twenty different hair textures.
- C) They have twenty-four different body shapes in total.
- D) They represent people from virtually all walks of life.
- 10. A) They do not reflect young girls' aspirations.
- B) They are not sold together with the original.
- C) Their flat feet do not appeal to adolescents.
- D) Their body shapes have not changed much.
- 11. A) In toy stores.
- B) In shopping malls.
- C) On the Internet.
- D) At Barbie shops.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 12. A) Moveable metal type began to be used in printing.
- B) Chinese printing technology was first introduced.
- C) The earliest known book was published.
- D) Metal type was imported from Korea.
- 13. A) It had more than a hundred printing presses.
- B) It was the biggest printer in the 16th century.
- C) It helped the German people become literate.
- D) It produced some 20 million volumes in total.
- 14. A) It pushed handwritten books out of circulation.
- B) It boosted the circulation of popular works.
- C) It made writing a very profitable career.
- D) It provided readers with more choices.
- 15. A) It accelerated the extinction of the Latin language.
- B) It standardized the publication of grammar books.
- C) It turned translation into a welcome profession.
- D) It promoted the growth of national languages.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) They get bored after working for a period of time.
- B) They spend an average of one year finding a job.
- C) They become stuck in the same job for decades.
- D) They choose a job without thinking it through.
- 17. A) See if there will be chances for promotion.
- B) Find out what job choices are available.
- C) Watch a film about ways of job hunting.
- D) Decide which job is most attractive to you.
- 18. A) The qualifications you have.
- B) The pay you are going to get.
- C) The culture of your target company.
- D) The work environment you will be in.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) It is as important as Christmas for African-Americans.
- B) It is a cultural festival founded for African-Americans.
- C) It is an ancient festival celebrated by African-Americans.
- D) It is a religious festival celebrated by African-Americans.
- 20. A) To urge African-Americans to do more for society.
- B) To call on African-Americans to worship their gods.
- C) To help African-Americans to realize their goals.
- D) To remind African-Americans of their sufferings.
- 21. A) Faith in self-determination.
- B) The first fruits of the harvest.
- C) Unity and cooperative economics.
- D) Creative work and achievement.
- 22. A) They recite a principle.
- B) They take a solemn oath.
- C) They drink wine from the unity cup.
- D) They call out their ancestors' names.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A) It is one of the world's most healthy diets.
- B) It contains large amounts of dairy products.
- C) It began to impact the world in recent years.
- D) It consists mainly of various kinds of seafood.

24. A) It involved 13,000 researchers from Asia, Europe and America.
B) It was conducted in seven Mid-Eastern countries in the 1950s.
C) It is regarded as one of the greatest researches of its kind.
D) It has drawn the attention of medical doctors the world over.
25. A) They care much about their health.
B) They eat foods with little fat.
C) They use little oil in cooking.
D) They have lower mortality rates.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) Say a few words to thank the speaker.
B) Introduce the speaker to the audience.
C) Give a lecture on the history of the town.
D) Host a talk on how to give a good speech.
2. A) He was the founder of the local history society.
B) He has worked with Miss Bligh for 20 years.
C) He has published a book on public speaking.
D) He joined the local history society when young.
3. A) She was obviously better at talking than writing.
B) She had a good knowledge of the town's history.
C) Her speech was so funny as to amuse the audience.
D) Her ancestors came to the town in the 18th century.
4. A) He read exactly what was written in his notes.
B) He kept forgetting what he was going to say.
C) He made an embarrassing remark.
D) He was too nervous to speak up.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) What their retailers demand.
B) What their rivals are doing.
C) How they are going to beat their rivals.
D) How dramatically the market is changing.
6. A) They should be taken seriously.
B) They are rapidly catching up.
C) Their business strategy is quite effective.
D) Their potential has been underestimated.
7. A) She had given it to Tom.
B) It simply made her go frantic.
C) She had not seen it yet.
D) It was not much of a big concern.
8. A) Restructuring the whole company.
B) Employing more forwarding agents.

- C) Promoting cooperation with Jayal Motors.
- D) Exporting their motorbikes to Indonesia.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) It makes claims in conflict with the existing research.
- B) It focuses on the link between bedtime and nutrition.
- C) It cautions against the overuse of coffee and alcohol.
- D) It shows that "night owls" work much less efficiently.
- 10. A) They pay greater attention to food choice.
- B) They tend to achieve less than their peers.
- C) They run a higher risk of gaining weight.
- D) They stand a greater chance to fall sick.
- 11. A) Get up late.
- B) Sleep 8 hours a day.
- C) Exercise more.
- D) Go to bed earlier.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 12. A) All of the acting nominees are white.
- B) It has got too much publicity on TV.
- C) It is prejudiced against foreign films.
- D) Only 7% of the nominees are female.
- 13. A) 22 percent of movie directors were people of color.
- B) Half of the TV programs were ethnically balanced.
- C) Only one-fifth of TV shows had black characters.
- D) Only 3.4 percent of film directors were women.
- 14. A) Non-white males.
- B) Program creators.
- C) Females of color over 40.
- D) Asian speaking characters.
- 15. A) They constitute 17% of Hollywood movie characters.
- B) They are most underrepresented across TV and film.
- C) They contribute little to the U.S. film industry.
- D) They account for 8.5% of the U.S. population.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) One that can provide for emergency needs.
- B) One that can pay for their medical expenses.
- C) One that covers their debts and burial expenses.
- D) One that ensures a healthy life for their later years.
- 17. A) Purchase insurance for their children.
- B) Save sufficient money for a rainy day.
- C) Buy a home with a small down payment.
- D) Add more insurance on the breadwinner.
- 18. A) When their children grow up and leave home.
- B) When they have saved enough for retirement.
- C) When their family move to a different place.
- D) When they have found better-paying jobs.

Questions 19 to 22 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) They do more harm than good.
- B) They have often been ignored.
- C) They do not help build friendship.
- D) They may not always be negative.
- 20. A) Biased sources of information.
- B) Ignorance of cultural differences.
- C) Misinterpretation of Shakespeare.
- D) Tendency to jump to conclusions.
- 21. A) They are hard to dismiss once attached to a certain group.
- B) They may have a negative impact on people they apply to.
- C) They persist even when circumstances have changed.
- D) They are often applied to minorities and ethnic people.
- 22. A) They impact people more or less in the same way.
- B) Some people are more sensitive to them than others.
- C) A positive stereotype may help one achieve better results.
- D) A negative stereotype sticks while a positive one does not.

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 23. A) Use some over-the-counter medicine instead.
- B) Quit taking the medicine immediately.
- C) Take some drug to relieve the side effect.
- D) Ask your pharmacist to explain why it occurs.

24. A) It may help patients fall asleep.
B) It may lead to mental problems.
C) It may cause serious harm to one's liver.
D) It may increase the effect of certain drugs.
25. A) Tell their children to treat medicines with respect.
B) Keep medicines out of the reach of their children.
C) Make sure their children use quality medicines.
D) Ask their children to use legitimate medicines.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) It is a typical salad.
B) It is a Spanish soup.
C) It is a weird vegetable.
D) It is a kind of spicy food.
2. A) To make it thicker.
B) To make it more nutritious.
C) To add to its appeal.
D) To replace an ingredient.
3. A) It contains very little fat.
B) It uses olive oil in cooking.
C) It uses no artificial additives.
D) It is mainly made of vegetables.
4. A) It does not go stale for two years.
B) It takes no special skill to prepare.
C) It comes from a special kind of pig.
D) It is a delicacy blended with bread.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) They come in a great variety.
B) They do not make decent gifts.
C) They do not vary much in price.
D) They go well with Italian food.
6. A) \$30-\$40.
B) \$40-\$50.
C) \$50-\$60.
D) Around \$150.
7. A) They are a healthy choice for elderly people.
B) They are especially popular among Italians.
C) They symbolize good health and longevity.
D) They go well with different kinds of food.
8. A) It is a wine imported from California.
B) It is less spicy than all other red wines.

- C) It is far more expensive than he expected.
- D) It is Italy's most famous type of red wine.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) Learning others' secrets.
- B) Searching for information.
- C) Decoding secret messages.
- D) Spreading sensational news.
- 10. A) They helped the U. S. army in World War II.
- B) They could write down spoken codes promptly.
- C) They were assigned to decode enemy messages.
- D) They were good at breaking enemy secret codes.
- 11. A) Important battles fought in the Pacific War.
- B) Decoding of secret messages in war times.
- C) A military code that was never broken.
- D) Navajo Indians' contribution to code breaking.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 12. A) All services will be personalized.
- B) A lot of knowledge-intensive jobs will be replaced.
- C) Technology will revolutionize all sectors of industry.
- D) More information will be available.
- 13. A) In the robotics industry.
- B) In the information service.
- C) In the personal care sector.
- D) In high-end manufacturing.
- 14. A) They charge high prices.
- B) They need lots of training.
- C) They cater to the needs of young people.
- D) They focus on customers' specific needs.
- 15. A) The rising demand in education and healthcare in the next 20 years.
- B) The disruption caused by technology in traditionally well-paid jobs.
- C) The tremendous changes new technology will bring to people's lives.
- D) The amazing amount of personal attention people would like to have.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) It was the longest road in ancient Egypt.
- B) It was constructed some 500 years ago.
- C) It lay 8 miles from the monument sites.
- D) It linked a stone pit to some waterways.
- 17. A) Saws used for cutting stone.
- B) Traces left by early explorers.
- C) An ancient geographical map.
- D) Some stone tool segments.
- 18. A) To transport stones to block floods.
- B) To provide services for the stone pit.
- C) To link the various monument sites.
- D) To connect the villages along the Nile.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) Dr. Gong didn't give him any conventional tests.
- B) Dr. Gong marked his office with a hand-painted sign.
- C) Dr. Gong didn't ask him any questions about his pain.
- D) Dr. Gong slipped in needles where he felt no pain.
- 20. A) He had heard of the wonders acupuncture could work.
- B) Dr. Gong was very famous in New York's Chinatown.
- C) Previous medical treatments failed to relieve his pain.
- D) He found the expensive medical tests unaffordable.
- 21. A) More and more patients ask for the treatment.
- B) Acupuncture techniques have been perfected.
- C) It doesn't need the conventional medical tests.
- D) It does not have any negative side effects.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 22. A) They were on the verge of breaking up.
- B) They were compatible despite differences.
- C) They quarreled a lot and never resolved their arguments.
- D) They argued persistently about whether to have children.
- 23. A) Neither of them has any brothers or sisters.
- B) Neither of them won their parents' favor.
- C) They weren't spoiled in their childhood.
- D) They didn't like to be the apple of their parents' eyes.

24. A) They are usually good at making friends.
B) They tend to be adventurous and creative.
C) They are often content with what they have.
D) They tend to be self-assured and responsible.
25. A) They enjoy making friends.
B) They tend to be well adjusted.
C) They are least likely to take initiative.
D) They usually have successful marriages.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) She advocates animal protection.
B) She sells a special kind of coffee.
C) She is going to start a cafe chain.
D) She is the owner of a special cafe.
2. A) They bear a lot of similarities.
B) They are a profitable business sector.
C) They cater to different customers.
D) They help take care of customers' pets.
3. A) By giving them regular cleaning and injections.
B) By selecting breeds that are tame and peaceful.
C) By placing them at a safe distance from customers.
D) By briefing customers on how to get along with them.
4. A) They want to learn about rabbits.
B) They like to bring in their children.
C) They love the animals in her cafe.
D) They give her cafe favorite reviews.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) It contains too many additives.
B) It lacks the essential vitamins.
C) It can cause obesity.
D) It is mostly garbage.
6. A) Its fancy design.
B) TV commercials.
C) Its taste and texture.
D) Peer influence.
7. A) Investing heavily in the production of sweet foods.
B) Marketing their products with ordinary ingredients.
C) Trying to trick children into buying their products.
D) Offering children more varieties to choose from.
8. A) They hardly ate vegetables.
B) They seldom had junk food.

- C) They favored chocolate-coated sweets.
- D) They liked the food advertised on TV.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) Stretches of farmland.
- B) Typical Egyptian animal farms.
- C) Tombs of ancient rulers.
- D) Ruins left by devastating floods.
- 10. A) It provides habitats for more primitive tribes.
- B) It is hardly associated with great civilizations.
- C) It has not yet been fully explored and exploited.
- D) It gathers water from many tropical rain forests.
- 11. A) It carries about one fifth of the world's fresh water.
- B) It has numerous human settlements along its banks.
- C) It is second only to the Mississippi River in width.
- D) It is as long as the Nile and the Yangtze combined.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 12. A) Living a life in the fast lane leads to success.
- B) We are always in a rush to do various things.
- C) The search for tranquility has become a trend.
- D) All of us actually yearn for a slow and calm life.
- 13. A) She had trouble balancing family and work.
- B) She enjoyed the various social events.
- C) She was accustomed to tight schedules.
- D) She spent all her leisure time writing books.
- 14. A) The possibility of ruining her family.
- B) Becoming aware of her declining health.
- C) The fatigue from living a fast-paced life.
- D) Reading a book about slowing down.
- 15. A) She started to follow the cultural norms.
- B) She came to enjoy doing everyday tasks.
- C) She learned to use more polite expressions.
- D) She stopped using to-do lists and calendars.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 16. A) They will root out native species altogether.
- B) They contribute to a region's biodiversity.
- C) They pose a threat to the local ecosystem.
- D) They will crossbreed with native species.
- 17. A) Their classifications are meaningful.
- B) Their interactions are hard to define.
- C) Their definitions are changeable.
- D) Their distinctions are artificial.
- 18. A) Only a few of them cause problems to native species.
- B) They may turn out to benefit the local environment.
- C) Few of them can survive in their new habitats.
- D) Only 10 percent of them can be naturalized.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 19. A) Respect their traditional culture.
- B) Attend their business seminars.
- C) Research their specific demands.
- D) Adopt the right business strategies.
- 20. A) Showing them your palm.
- B) Giving them gifts of great value.
- C) Drinking alcohol on certain days of a month.
- D) Clicking your fingers loudly in their presence.
- 21. A) They are very easy to satisfy.
- B) They have a strong sense of worth.
- C) They tend to be friendly and enthusiastic.
- D) They have a break from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

- 22. A) He completely changed the company's culture.
- B) He collected paintings by world-famous artists.
- C) He took over the sales department of Reader's Digest.
- D) He had the company's boardroom extensively renovated.
- 23. A) It should be sold at a reasonable price.
- B) Its articles should be short and inspiring.
- C) It should be published in the world's leading languages.
- D) Its articles should entertain blue- and pink-collar workers.

24. A) He knew how to make the magazine profitable.
B) He served as a church minister for many years.
C) He suffered many setbacks and misfortunes in his life.
D) He treated the employees like members of his family.
25. A) It carried many more advertisements.
B) George Grune joined it as an ad salesman.
C) Several hundred of its employees got fired.
D) Its subscriptions increased considerably.

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Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) It can benefit professionals and non-professionals alike.
B) It lists the various challenges physicists are confronting.
C) It describes how some mysteries of physics were solved.
D) It is one of the most fascinating physics books ever written.
2. A) Physicists' contribution to humanity.
B) Stories about some female physicists.
C) Historical evolution of modern physics.
D) Women's changing attitudes to physics.
3. A) By exposing a lot of myths in physics.
B) By describing her own life experiences.
C) By including lots of fascinating knowledge.
D) By telling anecdotes about famous professors.
4. A) It avoids detailing abstract concepts of physics.
B) It contains a lot of thought-provoking questions.
C) It demonstrates how they can become physicists.
D) It provides experiments they can do themselves.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) He is too busy to finish his assignment in time.
B) He does not know what kind of topic to write on.
C) He does not understand the professor's instructions.
D) He has no idea how to proceed with his dissertation.
6. A) It is too broad.
B) It is a bit outdated.
C) It is challenging.
D) It is interesting.
7. A) Biography.
B) Nature.
C) Philosophy.
D) Beauty.
8. A) Improve his cumulative grade.
B) Develop his reading ability.

- C) Stick to the topic assigned.
- D) List the parameters first.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D. Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) The unprecedented high temperature in Greenland.
- B) The collapse of ice on the northern tip of Greenland.
- C) The unusual cold spell in the Arctic area in October.
- D) The rapid change of Arctic temperature within a day.
- 10. A) It has created a totally new climate pattern.
- B) It will pose a serious threat to many species.
- C) It typically appears about once every ten years.
- D) It has puzzled the climate scientists for decades.
- 11. A) Extinction of Arctic wildlife.
- B) Iceless summers in the Arctic.
- C) Emigration of indigenous people.
- D) Better understanding of ecosystems.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 12. A) A good start.
- B) A detailed plan.
- C) A strong determination.
- D) A scientific approach.
- 13. A) Most people get energized after a sufficient rest.
- B) Most people tend to have a finite source of energy.
- C) It is vital to take breaks between demanding mental tasks.
- D) It is most important to have confidence in one's willpower.
- 14. A) They could keep on working longer.
- B) They could do more challenging tasks.
- C) They found it easier to focus on work at hand.
- D) They held more positive attitudes toward life.
- 15. A) They are part of their nature.
- B) They are subject to change.
- C) They are related to culture.
- D) They are beyond control.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three recordings of lectures or talks followed by three or four questions. The recordings will be played only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D. Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

16. A) About half of current jobs might be automated.
B) The jobs of doctors and lawyers would be threatened.
C) The job market is becoming somewhat unpredictable.
D) Machine learning would prove disruptive by 2013.
17. A) They are widely applicable for massive open online courses.
B) They are now being used by numerous high school teachers.
C) They could read as many as 10,000 essays in a single minute.
D) They could grade high-school essays just like human teachers.
18. A) It needs instructions throughout the process.
B) It does poorly on frequent, high-volume tasks.
C) It has to rely on huge amounts of previous data.
D) It is slow when it comes to tracking novel things.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the recording you have just heard.

19. A) The engineering problems with solar power.
B) The generation of steam with the latest technology.
C) The importance of exploring new energy sources.
D) The theoretical aspects of sustainable energy.
20. A) Drive trains with solar energy.
B) Upgrade the city's train facilities.
C) Build a new ten-kilometre railway line.
D) Cut down the city's energy consumption.
21. A) Build a tank for keeping calcium oxide.
B) Find a new material for storing energy.
C) Recover super-heated steam.
D) Collect carbon dioxide gas.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

22. A) The lack of supervision by both the national and local governments.
B) The impact of the current economic crisis at home and abroad.
C) The poor management of day centres and home help services.
D) The poor relation between national health and social care services.
23. A) It was mainly provided by voluntary services.
B) It mainly caters to the needs of the privileged.
C) It called for a sufficient number of volunteers.
D) It has deteriorated over the past sixty years.

24. A) Their longer lifespans.
B) Fewer home helpers available.
C) Their preference for private services.
D) More of them suffering serious illnesses.
25. A) They are unable to pay for health services.
B) They have long been discriminated against.
C) They are vulnerable to illnesses and diseases.
D) They have contributed a great deal to society.

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Section A

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Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) Stop worrying about him.
B) Keep away from the statue.
C) Take a picture of him.
D) Put on a smile for the photo.
2. A) Gaining great fame on the Internet.
B) Publishing a collection of his photos.
C) Collecting the best photos in the world.
D) Becoming a professional photographer.
3. A) Surfing various websites and collecting photos.
B) Editing his pictures and posting them online.
C) Following similar accounts to compare notes.
D) Studying the pictures in popular social media.
4. A) They are far from satisfactory.
B) They are mostly taken by her mom.
C) They make an impressive album.
D) They record her fond memories.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) A journal reporting the latest progress in physics.
B) An introductory course of modern physics.
C) An occasion for physicists to exchange ideas.
D) A series of interviews with outstanding physicists.
6. A) The future of the physical world.
B) The origin of the universe.
C) Sources of radiation.
D) Particle theory.
7. A) How matter collides with anti-matter.
B) Whether the universe will turn barren.
C) Why there exists anti-matter.
D) Why there is a universe at all.
8. A) Matter and anti-matter are opposites of each other.
B) Anti-matter allowed humans to come into existence.

- C) The universe formed due to a sufficient amount of matter.
- D) Anti-matter exists in very high-temperature environments.

Section B

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Questions 9 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) She found herself speaking a foreign language.
- B) She woke up speaking with a different accent.
- C) She found some symptoms of her illness gone.
- D) She woke up finding herself in another country.
- 10. A) It is usually caused by a stroke or brain injury.
- B) It has not yet found any effective treatment.
- C) It leaves the patient with a distorted memory.
- D) It often happens to people with speech defects.
- 11. A) British.
- B) Irish.
- C) Russian.
- D) Australian.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 12. A) Water sports.
- B) Racing in rivers.
- C) Stories about women swimmers.
- D) Books about swimming.
- 13. A) She succeeded in swimming across the English Channel.
- B) She published a guide to London's best swimming spots.
- C) She told her story of adventures to some young swimmers.
- D) She wrote a book about the history of swimwear in the UK.
- 14. A) They loved vacationing on the seashore.
- B) They had a unique notion of modesty.
- C) They were prohibited from swimming.
- D) They were fully dressed when swimming.
- 15. A) She designed lots of appropriate swimwear for women.
- B) She once successfully competed against men in swimming.
- C) She was the first woman to swim across the English Channel.
- D) She was an advocate of women's right to swim in public pools.

Section C

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Questions 16 to 18 are based on the recording you have just heard.

16. A) Build a machine that can detect lies.
B) Develop a magnetic brain scanner.
C) Test the credibility of court evidence.
D) Win people's complete trust in them.
17. A) They are optimistic about its potential.
B) They are sceptical of its reliability.
C) They think it is but business promotion.
D) They celebrate it with great enthusiasm.
18. A) It is not to be trusted at all.
B) It does not sound economical.
C) It may intrude into people's privacy.
D) It may lead to overuse in court trials.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the recording you have just heard.

19. A) Most of its residents speak several languages.
B) Some of its indigenous languages are dying out.
C) Each village there speaks a totally different language.
D) Its languages have interested researchers the world over.
20. A) They are spread randomly across the world.
B) Some are more difficult to learn than others.
C) More are found in tropical regions than in the mild zones.
D) They enrich and impact each other in more ways than one.
21. A) They used different methods to collect and analyze data.
B) They identified distinct patterns of language distribution.
C) Their conclusions do not correspond to their original hypotheses.
D) There is no conclusive account for the cause of language diversity.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the recording you have just heard.

22. A) Its middle-class is disappearing.
B) Its wealth is rationally distributed.
C) Its population is rapidly growing.
D) Its cherished dream is coming true.
23. A) Success was but a dream without conscientious effort.
B) They could realize their dreams through hard work.
C) A few dollars could go a long way.
D) Wealth was shared by all citizens.

24. A) Better working conditions.
B) Better-paying jobs.
C) High social status.
D) Full employment.
25. A) Reduce the administrative costs.
B) Adopt effective business models.
C) Hire part-time employees only.
D) Make use of the latest technology.

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